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Damages by cyclone to tanks and fields in the South Arcot district.

* 201-A Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of taluks and villages affected by the recent storm and cyclone in the district of South Arcot;

(*b*) the number of irrigation tanks breached and the names of the villages in which they are located;

(*c*) the extent of damage caused to the said tanks and fields in the villages of the taluks of Tindivanam and Gingee; and

(*d*) what was the area of the cultivable land with crops that was flooded and submerged under water in each of the said villages of the taluks of Gingee and Tindivanam?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) A copy [a] of a report from the Collector of South Arcot, containing detailed information about the floods and the relief measures taken, is annexed. It may be added that 93 irrigation works in charge of the Public Works Department were damaged.

Relief to areas affected by cyclone in South Arcot district.

* 201-B Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have called for and received any detailed report from the Collector on the havoc and damage caused by the recent storm and cyclone in the district of South Arcot and whether the same will be placed on the table of the House;

(*b*) whether the District Collector has personally visited all the areas affected by the said storm and cyclone; if so, what areas he has visited and when and, if not, why not;

(*c*) what steps have hitherto been taken by the Government and the local authorities to relieve the people who have suffered from the said storm and cyclone;

(*d*) what is the total number of people affected and what is the total amount already spent by Government in affording relief to suffering villagers; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to afford some permanent relief to the ryots who have lost their cattle and houses and whose lands have been silted up?

A.—(*a*) to (*e*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 201-A. The Government have no further information.

Remission of land revenue in Tanjore and South Arcot districts.

* 201-C Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what orders and instructions have the Government issued in regard to the collection of land revenue in the districts of Tanjore and South Arcot and whether a copy of the same will be placed on the table; and

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(b) what are the special methods and principles which the Government propose to be followed by the Revenue authorities in South Arcot and Tanjore in the matter of granting remissions of land revenue in case of flood damage and cyclone havoc?

Tanjore.

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 6 of the "Survey of the Floods which occurred in the Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and Nilgiri districts in October 1930" and to G.O. No. 93, Revenue, dated the 16th January 1931. Both these papers have been issued to the Press.

South Arcot.

The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the report of the Collector of South Arcot, dated 10th January 1931, annexed to the answer to question No. 201-A. The rules contained in Board's Standing Order No. 14 will govern the remission of land revenue.

Scarcity of water-supply for irrigation in South Arcot district.

*201-D Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the present position of cultivation in the various taluks of South Arcot in consequence of the storm and cyclone;

(b) how many tanks in the taluks of Tindivanam, Gingee and Villupuram have gone completely without water for irrigation purposes during the rest of the year and which are they;

(c) how many tanks in the said taluks can supply water for standing crops to enable the same to be harvested and which are they;

(d) how many villages in the South Arcot have gone wholly without any water and without any cultivation for the current fasli and which are the said villages; and

(e) whether the Government will call for information on the above and lay the same on the table of the House?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the weekly season reports relating to the South Arcot district printed in the Supplement to Part II of the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(b), (c), (d) & (e) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 201-A. The Government have no other particulars and do not consider it desirable to ask the local officers to compile the detailed information asked for by the hon. Member when the work of relieving distress caused by the floods, restoring breached or damaged irrigation works and inspecting crops damaged by the floods must throw a great deal of additional work on them.